

Year 3 Information for Parents

Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to what will be an exciting term in Year 3. This term, we will be using a new approach to delivering the curriculum based around our topic work, called 'creative curriculum'. We will teach mathematics, P.E, spelling and reading as standalone subjects however, our writing and foundation topics will be taught collaboratively as our creative curriculum.

In maths, the children will be encouraged to show independence with a different style of introductions taking place. The children will have to problem solve at the beginning of each lesson, which will support them with the learning for that day. This will then encourage them to work both independently and collaboratively using the skills and knowledge they already have. This term we will be covering shape, measure and statistics as well as revisiting place value and the four operations.

Guided reading takes place on a daily basis and has adopted a new format. As a class, we will study an extract or a whole book and the children will have follow up activities to complete in class. Your child will still read to their teacher weekly. Some children will be following our new Read, Write Inc programme which will include guided reading and spelling.

As of September, some children have been following the 'No-Nonsense' spelling programme. This is delivered daily, with spelling rules and words being practised in an interactive way. Your child will continue to receive five spellings each week to practise for homework. The spelling test will take place on Wednesday and new spellings will be set on a Friday.

The creative curriculum will combine all of the foundation topics. Our theme for the term is 'Destruction'. The children will learn about Natural Disasters. This will also be linked to a study of the book Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

The children will be encouraged to use their imaginations to put together a creative outcome, which will be revealed at a later date. Please see the attached mindmap for the specific topic foci.

This term in P.E. the children will have Gymnastics on a Monday afternoon and Rugby skills will be taught on Tuesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school every day.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher on the playground at the end of the day or book an appointment via the office.

Regards

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